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Subject: re: Why I oppose Northern Pass

Dear Mr. Honingberg,

Kindly share my comments with the members of the Site Evaluation Committee.

Thank you.

Members of the SEC:

Since its inception, the Northern Pass project has not been fully forthcoming in explaining that the development of Canadian hydropower has meant the destruction of huge areas in Canada that previously served as carbon absorbers. So the alleged sustainability of this hydropower, from the outset, has been open to challenge. Thoughtful observers of the genesis and progress of this project have understood that the profit motive has been the key driver of this project from day one. Most of the energy provided by this project will flow south of New Hampshire while contributing to corporate coffers as Northern Pass' 165' towers will scar the tourist-rich scenery of New Hampshire for decades to come. Why should our state stand for such a desecration of our iconic landscape? It makes no sense and your decision should clearly reflect this reality.

Reducing New Hampshire's energy requirements through carefully planned and consistent conservation initiatives, significant support for sustainable energy projects, and a realistic appraisal of the climate change challenges our state is already facing are all steps that will genuinely benefit New Hampshire citizens and taxpayers.

Please, think of long-time New Hampshire citizens like myself who love this state and also please consider future generations who deserve to experience the unforgettable vistas for which New Hampshire's North Country is justly famous. Do not offer up the irreplaceable natural beauty of our state to serve the bottom line of a corporation insensitive to the lasting and precious value of our state's treasured landscape.

The citizens of New Hampshire present and future are relying on all of you to make a decision that reflects the best interests of ALL of its citizens, those speaking to you now and those yet to be born. Preserve the life-enhancing beauty of the mountains for generations to come.

Thank you.

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